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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1731
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Pierre RIPCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/519,847

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Examiner: John M. HOFFMAN

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For: METHOD OF FABRICATING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM INCLUDING OUTSIDE DEPOSITION OF SILICA POSSIBLY DOPED SILICA

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ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 22, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim:

5. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the injecting means injects at least one substance in the form of silica or the precursor of silica within the heating area created by the heating means.

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